

October 7, 2009

The Honorable Daniel Inouye  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Defense  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Senate Dirksen Office Building, Room 122  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran  
Vice Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
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Senate Appropriations Committee  
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Dear Chairman Inouye and Vice-Chairman Cochran:

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, the Senate adopted by unanimous consent Senate Amendment 2605, which proposes to allocate up to \$5 million Consistent with the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board report entitled "The Airborne Tactical Laser (ATL) Feasibility for Gunship Operations" to conduct additional Enhanced User Evaluation of the ATL and enter into an agreement with a Federally Funded Research and Development Center to conduct a system analysis of integrating solid state laser systems onto C-130, B-1 and F-35 platforms for the purpose of close air support.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in this congressionally directed spending item, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. I further certify that I have submitted a description of the amendment in the Congressional Record and on my official website, along with the accompanying justification. If you have any questions, contact Dr. Jonathan S. Epstein on my staff at 4-3357.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator

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